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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT AND KEEPERS

OF THE

ARKANSAS PENITENTIARY,

MADE TO

THE GOVERNOR.

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REPORT

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KEEPERS OF THE PENITENTIARY.

STATE PRISON OF ARKANSAS,
October 14th, 1858.

To his Excellency E. N. CONWAY,
Governor of Arkansas:

SIR—By an act of the last session of the Legislature the sum of thirty-seven thousand dollars was appropriated for sundry improvements in this prison; and as we became the contractors with the proper authorities, for making said improvements, and to keep the prison, we beg leave to lay before you the following summary of the progress of the prison for the last two years, and its present condition.

In accordance with the requirements of said contract, we beg to inform you that we have added 5 feet to the stone wall that encloses the premises, brought it to a regular grade, and capped it with sawed stone, two feet wide and six inches thick, which gives it the appearance of a finished piece of masonry, and renders it much more safe and efficient; we have built the wall of the main building five feet higher—added another row of windows with iron gratings, sealed the whole building over head, complete, and covered it with slate. We have built eighty-four good and substantial cells, with stone foundations, brick walls and iron grating door. We have built a new hospital building, sixty by twenty-five feet, with stone foundation, and brick walls twenty-five feet high—two stories, the first story is divided into two rooms, one used for a mess or eating room for the convicts, and the other room for a kitchen; and above these rooms, in the second story, is the hospital room.

We have sealed the hospital over head, and covered the

whole building with slate. We have built a new smoke-house twenty by twenty feet, with stone foundation, brick walls, twenty-five feet high and covered with slate. We have built a black-smith shop, seventy-five by thirty-five feet, with stone foundation, brick walls twelve feet high, and covered it with slate.

Without being required to do so, by our contract, we have built three good and substantial frame guard houses, that we deemed to be necessary, upon the top of the wall enclosing the penitentiary buildings.

Around the roofs of the large work shop, the main building and the hospital building we have placed substantial tin gutters, with pipes to carry off the rain water.

All the above work we have endeavored to do in the most substantial and workmanlike manner, which we hope will receive your approval. For any further particulars, we most respectfully refer you to the report of your agent and inspector, Dr. Samuel H. Webb. We hope it will not be considered irrelevant for us to submit a few remarks to your excellency, dictated by close observation and practical experience, in respect to the present condition and future welfare of the institution:

First, as the kitchen is necessarily, at present, compelled to be in one end of the hospital building, on the ground floor, the steam arising from the stove and furnace renders the hospital entirely too hot. The space occupied by the kitchen leaves the mess or eating room too small for even the present number of prisoners. We would, therefore, take the liberty of suggesting an addition to the hospital building of another building, about sixty feet long, of the same width and heighth, with a partition wall running up to the roof, one end of which to be used for the kitchen, and the other end to contain cells on the ground floor for female convicts, at night, and the second story for female convicts to work in during the day. There is no suitable place for female convicts at present, should any be sent. It must be apparent that a building should be erected to receive and securely retain them apart from other convicts.

Secondly, we would suggest a large cistern, say twenty feet wide and fourteen feet deep, which would furnish a large supply of water, and can be built for one thousand dollars, which would be but a trifling amount in comparison to the incalculable benefit it would be in case of a fire, from which the prison has twice suffered, causing losses of many thousands of dollars to the state.

Lastly, we would again, and cannot too earnestly urge the necessity of building a "warden or keeper's house," as the comfort and safety of the place demand the almost constant presence of that officer.

The general health of the prison has been as good as we

could have expected, when we reflect on the number of men confined here together. We have had but six deaths during the past two years; so small a bill of mortality, and the prevalence of many troublesome complaints, arising from confinement, and the dampness of the new cells, in which we were compelled to lodge prisoners from time to time, bespeak great professional skill of Dr. C. Peyton, to whose able report we take pleasure in referring you.

The institution, we are pleased to state, is in a healthy state of discipline, and it affords us pleasure to bear testimony to the faithfulness with which our officers are discharging their various duties.

For a detailed account of the prison, the number of convicts received during the past two years, those pardoned, restored to citizenship, discharged by expiration of sentence, escaped, died, etc. etc., we refer you to the accompanying tables, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K.

In conclusion we beg to inform your excellency that our present contract will expire on the twenty-fifth of January next, when we shall be prepared to deliver up our trust to the proper state authorities, or to turn it over to such other persons as may be employed as our successors.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

GEORGE & ROBINS.

TABLE A--No. 1.

LIST OF PRISONERS—*Remaining in the State Prison of Arkansas on the first of October*, 1858.

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Length of sentence.	When received.	Present occupation.	Previous occupation.
1	WILLIAM PETERS	Crawford	Rape	10 y r	June 15, 1849	Laborer	Drummer in U. S. A.
2	GEORGE WALTERS	Washington	Negro stealing	10 "	April 30, '50	Wagon maker	Farmer.
3	J. A. HOUSE	Chicot	do do	15 "	April 26, '51	Painter	Overseer.
4	J. H. TUGGLE	Pulaski	Manslaughter	21 "	Aug. 7, 1851	Shoe maker	Farmer.
5	WILLIAM RANDOLPH	Chicot	Negro stealing	10 "	Nov. 5, "	Carriage maker	Carriage maker.
6	B. McGOWAN	Pulaski	Murder in 2d degree.	7½ "	Jan. 17, 1852	Blacksmith	Laborer.
7	B. F. BARTLETT	Lawrence	do do	21 "	May 13, "	Laborer	Farmer.
8	WILLIAM JOHNSON	Lafayette	Negro stealing	12 "	July 20, "	Hewer	Sailor.
9	D. BIXBY	Hempstead	Murder	15 "	Jan. 21, 1853	Candle moulder	Farmer.
10	PAT. GRIFFIN	Mississippi	Murder in 2d degree	7 "	May 15, "	Wagon maker	Laborer.
11	JOHN E. LAND	Pulaski	Forgery	7 "	June 7, "	Hospital steward	Teacher.
12	WILLIAM GOLDEN	Mississippi	Murder in 1st degree, commuted to —	21 "	" 8, "	Laborer	Laborer.
13	E. HARDEN	Crawford	Murder	21 "	Jan. 27, 1854	Tailor	Tailor.
14	WILLIAM HARLIS	Mississippi	Murder in 2d degree	21 "	May 14 "	Assistant cook	Farmer.
15	C. UNDERWOOD	Pope	Murder in 2d degree	21 "	Sept. 24, "	Cook	Farmer.
16	GEO. W. SCOGGIN	Jefferson	Negro stealing	10 "	Nov. 14, "	Carpenter	Agent and collector.
17	JNO. EDWARDS	Scott	Burglary and larceny.	4 "	Dec. 5, "	Blacksmith	Laborer.
18	WM. EDWARDS	Scott	do do	4 "	" 5, "	do	Laborer.
19	JNO. SIMMONS	t	do do	4 "	" 5, "	do	Laborer.
20	WM. H. DELANA	Calhoun	Horse stealing	7 "	" 11, "	Laborer	Farmer.
21	E. BENTON	Jefferson	Larceny	5 "	Jan. 19, 1855	Carpenter	Farmer.
22	WM. SCOTT *alias* J. B. Lester	Phillips	Negro stealing	14 "	Feb. 21, "	Harness maker	Physician and engin'r.
23	ELI OVERTON	Conway	Forgery	5 "	Sept. 17, "	Cook	Farmer.
24	J. A. PRICE	Bradley	Horse stealing	5 "	" 28, "	Wagon maker	Farmer.
25	R. EWALT	Chicot	Larceny	10 "	Oct. 17, "	Blacksmith	Laborer.
26	JNO. JOWDON	Chicot	Horse stealing	5 "	" 17, "	Shoemaker	Laborer.
27	L. PRYOR	Monroe	do do	6 "	" 30, "	Blacksmith	Farmer.

28	J. S. COHN	Pulaski	Admin. poison int. kill.	7	"	Jan. 2, 1856	Washer	Baker.
29	BEN. BIBB	Crawford	Arson and larceny	7	"	Feb. 24, "	Wagon maker	Stone cutter.
30	AUG. LAWLESS	Crawford	Negro stealing	7	"	" 24, "	Shop cleaner	Farmer.
31	SAM. MALOWEY	Pope	Murder in 2d degree	7	"	March 24, "	Candle moulder	Farmer.
32	DAN'L PAGE, free-man-of-color	Jefferson	Attempt to poison	21	"	May 16, "	Wagon maker	Boating.
33	L. BRYAN	Columbia	As'lt with int. to kill	18	"	" 18, "	do do	Farmer.
34	SIMPSON MIXON	Hempstead	Larceny	5	"	" 21, "	Laborer	Laborer.
35	JNO. THOMPSON	W. U. S. Dist.	Assault intent to kill	3	"	June 3, "	Blacksmith	Blacksmith U. S. A.
36	LAF. WILLIAMS	do	Pass. count'feit money	3	"	" 3, "	Carpenter	Carpenter.
37	GEO. HUMMEL	do	do do do	3	"	" 3, "	do	Cabinet maker.
38	R. BRADLEY	Desha	Murder in 2d degree	9	"	" 23, "	Blacksmith	Farmer.
39	JOHN DONAHO *alias* JOHN DUNN	do	Manslaughter	5	"	" 23, "	Cook	Boatman.
40	WM. MIX	Sebastian	Horse stealing	7	"	Sept. 6, "	Shoe maker	Farmer.
41	F. F. TUCKER	Independ'nce	Larceny	2½	"	" 22, "	Laborer	Farmer.
42	JOHN RICHARDSON	Jefferson	Murder	10	"	Nov. 20, "	Cooper	Farmer.
43	WM. GRIGGS	Lafayette	Horse stealing	5	"	Dec. 5, "	Wagon maker	Teacher.
44	F. W. LEAKLER	Phillips	Larceny	3½	"	" 16, "	do do	Painter.
45	JAS. MONROE	do	Larceny petit	2	"	" 16, "	do do	Laborer.
46	LOUI SUMPTER	do	Negro stealing	8	"	" 16, "	Tailor	Trader.
47	CHAS. GRIFFIN	Chicot	Larceny	2	"	" 20, "	Carpenter	Carpenter.
48	H. HUGHES	Crawford	Murder	5	"	" 20, "	Laborer	Farmer.
49	DAN'L ROSS	Sebastian	Larceny	12	"	March 3,1857	Tailor	Farmer.
50	G. W. BARNES	Johnson	Murder	3	"	March 25, "	Wagon maker	Farmer.
51	A. W. EDENS	Columbia	Larceny	1½	"	May 14, "	Laborer	Laborer.
52	PETER HUNT	Crawford	Horse stealing	7	"	Aug. 22, "	Blacksmith	Laborer.
53	WES. GAIND	do	do do	5	"	" 22, "	Laborer	Laborer.
54	DAN'L LEE	Carroll	do do	6½	"	Oct. 12, "	Wagon maker	Laborer.
55	JNO. SEAMONS	do	do do	5	"	" 12, "	Shoe maker	Laborer.
56	B. F. DAVIS	Jefferson	Manslaughter	2	"	Nov. 19, "	Carpenter	Farmer.
57	WM. BUCHANAN	Crittenden	Negro stealing	10	"	Nov. 20, "	Laborer	Farmer.
58	CHAS. JOHNSON, free-man-of-color	Mississippi	Burglary and larceny	4	"	Nov. 20, "	do	Farmer.
59	S. J. RAMBO	Lawrence	Larceny	1	"	Nov. 27, "	do	Farmer.
60	JAS. O'BRIAN	Phillips	do	1	"	Dec. 12, "	Blacksmith	Laborer.
61	R. McLAUGHLIN	do	do	1	"	Dec. 12, "	Laborer	Laborer.
82	JOHN THOMAS	do	do	1	"	Dec. 12, "	Wagon maker	Laborer.
63	JOHN POWERS	Hempstead	Forgery	3	"	Dec. 20, "	Blacksmith	Laborer.
64	LOUIS SMITH	White	Fellonious assault	4	"	Jan. 15, 1858	Wagon maker	Farmer.

A—No. 1.—Concluded.

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Length of sentence.	When received.	Present occupation.	Previous occupation.
65	WM. RYE	White	Larceny	1 year.	Jan. 15, 1858.	Laborer	Laborer.
66	SIM. POWERS	Sebastian	do	1 "	March 3, do	Tailor	Farmer.
67	JAMES ARD	Calhoun	Assault, with intent to kill	5 "	do 12, do	Wagon maker	Farmer.
68	H. W. DAVIS	Perry	do with intent to com. rape.	3 "	April 2, do	Blacksmith	Farmer.
69	ROBERT NEATHERY	Marion	Larceny	1 "	May 5, do	Tailor	Tailor.
70	E. CLARK	Washington	Horse stealing	7 "	May 8, do	Blacksmith	Farmer.
71	SOL. McCOY	Fulton	Murder in 2d degree	14 "	May 16, do	Blacksmith	Farmer.
72	MILT. BEALL	Pulaski	Manslaughter	5 "	May 31, do	Wagon maker	Farmer.
73	E. GOOD	Pulaski	do	5 "	do do	Laborer	Toll-bridge keeper.
74	JAS. EASON	Pulaski	do	2 "	do do	Wagon maker	Farmer.
75	GEO. EASON	Pulaski	do	2 "	do do	Cooper	Farmer.
76	THOS. GILLIAM	Pulaski	do	2 "	do do	Shoe maker	Farmer.
77	JNO. McGRAW	Pulaski	do	2 "	do do	Wagon maker	Farmer.
78	JNO. SPIRIT	W. U. S. Dis.	Larceny	1 "	June 4, do	Washer	Farmer.
79	JAS. WILLIAMS	same	do	1 "	do do	Laborer	Farmer.
80	H. DUNLAP	same	do	1 "	do do	Harness maker	Farmer.
81	CHAS. STEWART	same	Passing counterfeit money	3 "	do do	Shoe maker	Laborer.
82	SAM'L MARTIN	same	Assault, intent to kill	5 "	do do	Wagon maker	Wagon maker.
83	C. McGRAW	Phillips	Horse stealing	8 "	June 10, do	same	Farmer.
84	LAWRENCE, *alias* Larry Cain.	same	Murder, 2d degree	13 "	do do	same	Wagon maker.
85	H. W. MORY	Hempstead	Larceny	5 "	June 23, do	Blacksmith	Blacksmith.
86	JAS. R. BUCHANAN	E. U. S. Dist.	Forg'g Appl. for land warrants.	7 "	July 14, do	Tailor	Attorney at law.
87	THOS. DAVIS	Crawford	Horse stealing	5 "	Aug. 22, do	Wagon maker	Farmer.
88	BILL—runaway slave	Saline	do	.....	April 17, 1856		
89	HENRY, do	Chicot	do	.....	Nov. 14 do		

TABLE A.—No. 2.

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	Ages when received.	State of Health.	State of instruction.	Place of nativity.	Habits of life	Social Relations.	General Remarks.
1	WM. PETERS	22 years.	Unknown	No education	Indiana	Temperate	Has a family	Satisfactory deportment.
2	GEO. WALTER	40	do	Com do	Missouri	do	do	Well behaved.
3	J. A. HOUSE	42	do	do do	Tennessee	Intemperate	Has 4 children	do do
4	J. H. TUGGLE	38	do	Can read	Georgia	Temperate	Has a family	do do
5	WM. RANDOLPH	31	do	Com'n educat'n	Missouri	do	do	do do
6	B. McGOWEN	23	do	do do	Ireland	Intemperate	Single man	do do
7	B. F. BARTLETT	33	do	do do	Ohio	do	Has a family	do do
8	WM. JOHNSON	33	Good	No education	New York	Temperate	Single man	Bad behavior.
9	D. BIXBY	55	do	Com'n do	do	do	Has a family	Good do
10	PAT. GRIFFIN	24	do	do do	Ireland	Intemperate	Single man	do do
11	J. E. LAND	33	Feeble	Good do	Virginia	Temperate	Has a wife	Good behavior, bad health.
12	WM. GOLDEN	37	do	Com'n do	Ireland	do	Single man	do do do
13	ED. HARDING	27	Good	do do	Pennsylvania	Intemperate	Has a wife	Mod. behavior 2d imprisonment.
14	WM. HARLES	50	Feeble	No education	Alabama	do	Has 5 children	Good behavior, bad health.
15	C. UNDERWOOD	52	Good	do do	N. Carolina	do	Single man	do do
16	GEO. W. SCOGGIN	26	do	Good do	do do	Temperate	do do	do do
17	JNO. EDWARDS	19	do	No do	Arkansas	Intemperate	Has a family	do do
18	WM. EDWARDS	18	do	No do	do	do	Single man	do do
19	JNO. SIMMONS	16	do	No do	Alabama	do	Has a family	do do
20	WM. H DELANA	34	do	Com'n do	N. Carolina	do	do	do do
21	E. BENTON	20	do	No do	S. Carolina	Temperate	Single man	do do
22	W. SCOTT, *alias* J. B. Lester	27	do	Good do	Georgia	Intemperate	Single man	do do
23	ELI OVERTON	24	Crippled	Com'n do	Tennessee	do	Single man	do do
24	J. A. PRICE	23	Good	do do	N. Carolina	Temperate	Has a family	Good behavior, bad health.
25	R. EWALT	29	do	do do	Kentucky	do	Single man	Mod. do com. on 2d indict.
26	JNO. JOWDON	21	Sick	No ed'n in Eng.	Germany	Intemperate	Single man	Good behavior, bad health.
27	L. PRYOR	23	Good	Can read	Tennessee	Temperate	Has a wife	do do
28	J. S. COHN	19	do	No ed'n in Eng	Germany	do	Single man	do do
29	BEN. BIBB	35	do	Com'n educat'n	Alabama	Intemperate	Single man	do do
30	AVY. LAULESS	64	do	No do	Virginia	Temperate	Has a family	do do wife died since
31	SAML. MALONEY	53	do	No do	Georgia	Intemperate	Has a family	do do bad health

32	DANL. PAGE, free man of color.	40	....	do	Can read	Virginia	Temperate ..	Has a family..	Good behavior.
33	L. BRYAN...	45	....	do	Com'n educat'n	Tennessee ..	do	do	do
34	SIMPSON MIXON.....	26	....	Very bad..	Com'n do ..	Alabama....	do	Single man....	do bad health.
35	ILERCH THOMPSON.....	45	....	Good	do do ..	Ireland	Intemperate	Has a wife....	do do
36	LAF. WILLIAMS.....	17	....	do	do do ..	Louisiana ..	Temperate ..	Single man....	do do
37	GEO. HUMMEL.....	28	....	do	do do ..	Pennsylvania	do	Has a family ..	do do
38	R. BRADLEY.....	37	....	do	No do ..	N. Carolina	do	Single man....	do do
39	JNO. DUNAHO, *alias* Jno. Dunn	25	....	do	Com'n do ..	Pennsylvania	Intemperate	do do	do do
40	WM. MIX.....	32	....	do	No do ..	do	Temperate ..	Has a family....	do do
41	T. F. TUCKER	30	....	do	Com'n do ..	Kentucky ...	Intemperate	Single man....	do do
42	JNO. RICHARDSON.....	32	....	Feeble....	do do ..	Ohio	Temperate	do do	do do
43	WM. GRIGGS.....	24	....	Good	Good do ..	Georgia.....	Intemperate	do do	Mod. do
44	F. W. LEAKLER.....	22	....	do	Com'n do ..	France.....	Temperate ..	do do	do do
45	JAS. MONROE	21	....	do	No do ..	Indiana	Intemperate	do do	do do
46	LOUI SUMPTER.....	22	....	Bad	Com'n do ..	Virginia	Temperate ..	do do	Good behavior.
47	CHAS. GRIFFIN.....	31	....	Good	do do ..	Pennsylvania	Intemperate	do do	do do
48	HOUSTON HUGHES.....	23	....	do	No do ..	Alabama ..	Temperate ..	Has a family...	do do
49	DANL. ROSS	25	....	do	Can read.....	C. Nation..	Intemperate	Has a wife	do do
50	G. W. BARNES.....	23	....	do	No education..	Ohio	do	Single man....	Quite good behavior.
51	A. W. EDENS	21	....	do	Com'n do ..	Louisiana ...	Temperate ..	do do	Good do idiotic.
52	PETER HUNT	22	....	do	do do ..	New York..	do	do do	Mod. behavior, 2d imprisonm't.
53	WES. GAIND.....	16	....	Feeble....	Can read.....	Tennessee ..	do	do do	do do do
54	DANL. LEE	23	....	Good	Com'n educat'n	Missouri	Intemperate	do do	do
55	JNO. SIMMONS.....	22	....	do	do do ..	Georgia.....	do	do deaf & d'mb	Good do deaf and dumb.
56	B. F. DAVIS	23	....	do	do do ..	do	Temperate ..	Has a family..	do do
57	WM. BUCHANAN.....	25	....	do	do do ..	Tennessee ..	Intemperate	Single man....	do do
58	CHAS. JOHNSON, f. m. c. ..	34	....	do	No do ..	Missouri	do	Has a family..	do do
59	S. J. RAMBO	25	....	do	Com'n do ..	Tennessee ..	do	Single man....	Moderate behavior.
60	JAS. O. BRIEN	18	....	do	Can read.....	Ireland	do	do do	do do
61	R. McLAUGHLIN.....	28	....	do	Com'n educat'n	do	do	do do	Good do
62	JNO. THOMAS	26	....	do	do do ..	do	Temperate ..	do do	do do
63	JNO. POWERS.....	19	....	do	do do ..	Alabama....	do	do do	do do
64	LOUIS SMITH	29	....	do	do do ..	Kentucky ...	Intemperate	Has a family...	Moderate behavior.
65	WM. RYE	20	....	do	No do ..	Tennessee ..	Temperate ..	Single man....	Good do
66	SIM POWERS	18	....	do	No do ..	Arkansas ...	do	Single man....	do do
76	JAS. ARD	28	....	Feeble....	Com'n do ..	Kentucky ...	Intemperate	Has a family ..	do do
68	H. W. DAVIS.....	32	....	Good	do do ..	N. Carolina	do	do	do do

TABLE A—No. 2.—Concluded.

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	Ages when received.	State of Health.	State of instruction.	Place of nativity.	Habits of life.	Social Relations	General Remarks.
69	ROBT. NEATHERY	59	Good	Com'n educat'n	Virginia	Temperate	Has a family	Good behavior.
70	EPHRAIM CLARK	17	do	Can read	Arkansas	do	Has a wife	Moderate behavior.
71	SOLOMON McCARY	22	do	No education	Virginia	do	Single man	Good do
72	MILTON BEALL	26	do	Com'n educat'n	Mississippi	do	Has one child	do do very sick.
73	ELIAS GOOD	43	do	do do	Germany	do	Single man	do do
74	JAS. EASON	34	do	do do	Tennessee	do	Has a family	do do
75	GEO. EASON	38	do	do do	do	do	do	do do
76	THOMAS GILLIAM	39	do	do do	Kentucky	do	do	do do
77	JOHN McCRAW	27	do	do do	Arkansas	do	do	do do
78	JOHN SPIRIT, Indian	23	do	No Eng. do	Cherokee N.	Intemperate	do	do do
79	JAMES WILLIAMS	24	Crippled	Can read	Arkansas	do	do	do do
80	H. DUNLAP	34	Good	Com'n educat'n	N. Carolina	Temperate	do	do do
81	CHARLES STEWART	21	do	do do	Illinois	do	Single man	do do
82	SAMUEL MARTIN	32	do	do do	Cherokee N.	do	Has a family	Moderate do 2d imprisonm'nt.
83	C. McGREW	27	do	do do	Tennessee	Intemperate	do	Good behavior.
84	LAWRENCE, *alias* Larry Cain	20	do	do do	England	do	Single man	do do
85	H. W. MAY	32	do	do do	Maryland	Temperate	do	do do
86	JAS. R. BUCHANAN	34	Feeble	Good do	N. Carolina	do	Has a family	do do
87	THOS. DAVIS	21	Good	Can read	Arkansas	do	Has a wife	do do
88	BILL—Runaway slave	00	do	do	do	do	do	do do
89	HENRY, do do	00	do	do	do	do	do	do do

TABLE B.—No. 1.

EXHIBITING—*The number of prisoners remaining in the Arkansas state prison on October the 1st, 1856, and since received up to October the 1st, 1858, etc., etc.*

Number of prisoners remaining		90
Received from the different state courts	48	
" " " U. S. courts	15	
" " runaway slaves	4	67
Total		157
Pardoned by his excellency, the governor	9	
Restored to citizenship by " "	10	
State prisoners discharged by expiration of sentence	11	
" " that have died	4	
" " runaway slave died	1	
" " remanded back for new trial	2	
" " escaped and not recaptured	3	
Runaway slave, escaped and not recaptured	1	
" " taken out	4	
United States prisoners discharged by expiration of sentence	22	
United States prisoners that have died	1	68
Now in confinement		89

No. 2,

FOR WHAT CRIMES CONVICTED.

Murder in first degree, commuted from hanging to 21 years imprisonment		1
Murder in 2d degree		9
Murder		5
Manslaughter		9
Assault and battery, with intention to kill		4
Assault with intention to commit rape		1
Telonious assault		1
Administering poison with intention to kill		1
Attempt to poison		1
Larceny, horse stealing	13	
" negro "	9	
" petit	20	42

Burglary and larceny	4
Arson and larceny	1
Rape	1
Forgery	3
Forging applications for bounty land	1
Passing counterfeit money	3
Runaway slaves	2
Total number	89

No. 3.

FROM WHENCE RECEIVED.

Bradley county	1	Lafayette county	2
Crawford "	8	Marion "	1
Chicot "	5	Monroe "	1
Calhoun "	2	Mississippi "	4
Columbia "	2	Pulaski "	10
Carroll "	2	Phillips "	9
Conway "	1	Pope "	2
Crittenden "	1	Perry "	1
Desha "	2	Scott "	3
Fulton "	1	Sebastian "	3
Hempstead "	4	United States Courts	9
Independence county	1	Washington county	2
Johnson county	1	White county	2
Jefferson "	5	Runaway slaves	2
Lawrence "	2		
		Total	89

No. 4.

LENGTH OF SENTENCES.

For 1 year	10	For 7½ years	1
" 1½ "	1	" 8 "	2
" 2 "	7	" 9 "	1
" 2½ "	1	" 10 "	7
" 3 "	7	" 12 "	2
" 3½ "	1	" 13 "	1
" 4 "	5	" 14 "	2
" 5 "	16	" 15 "	2
" 6 "	1	" 18 "	1
" 6½ "	1	" 21 "	7
" 7 "	11	Runaway slaves	2
		Total	89

No. 5.

AGES WHEN RECEIVED.

Uunder 20 years of age	10
Between 20 and 30 years of age	43
" 30 " 40 " "	22
" 40 " 50 " "	6
" 50 " 60 " "	5
" 60 " 70 " "	1
Runaway slaves	2
Total	89

No. 6.

RACE AND SEX.

White males	84
Indians	1
Free men of color	2
Runaway slaves	2
Total	89

No. 7.

STATE OF INSTRUCTION.

No education	23
Can read	9
Common education	50
Good "	5
Runaway slaves	2
Total	89

No. 8.

SOCIAL RELATIONS.

Have families	30
Have wives	10
Widowers and have children	3
Single men	44
Runaway slaves	2
Total	89

No. 9.

HABITS OF LIFE.

Temperate	49	
Intemperate	38	87
Runaway slaves		2
Total		89

No. 10.

PLACES OF NATIVITY.

Natives.	
Arkansas	7
Alabama	6
Cherokee Nation	3
Georgia	6
Indiana	2
Illinois	1
Kentucky	5
Louisiana	2
Missouri	4
Maryland	1
Mississippi	1
New York	3
North Carolina	8
Ohio	3
Pennsylvania	5
South Carolina	1
Tennessee	11
Virginia	6
	75

Foreigners.		
England		1
France		1
Germany		3
Ireland		7
		12
Natives	75	
Runaway slaves	2	77
Total		89

TABLE C.

LIST *of prisoners pardoned by His Excellency, the Governor.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	When pardoned.
1	A. MULLENS	Lawrence county	Felonious assault	3 y'rs.	Nov. 21, 1853	Kentucky	October 13, 1856.
2	A. STANTON	Pulaski "	Murder, 2d degree	7	Feb. 15, 1850		Nov. 13, do
3	JAS. COCKRUM	Fulton "	Felonious assault	3	Nov. 15, 1855	South Carolina	Nov. 19, do
4	JOHN R. HERNDON	Crawford "	As'lt with int. to kill	2	Jan. 28, 1854	Kentucky	Dec. 3, do
5	IRA CHANDLER	Jackson "	Felonioes assault	3	Jan. 1, 1856	Tennessee	Dec. 18, do
6	JAS. BEDELL	Pulaski "	Larceny	3	Dec. 19, 1854	England	February 3, 1857.
7	WILL. BASS	Izard "	same	7½	October 21, 1851	Missouri	Nov. 30, do
8	RICH. OLIVER	Sebastian "	same	1	March 3, 1857	North Carolina	February 3, 1858.
9	WM. DICKSON	Greene "	Burglary	3	April 10, 1855	New Wales	March 11, do

TABLE D.

LIST *of prisoners restored to citizenship by His Excellency, the Governor.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	When restored.
1	HENRY ALLEN	Union county	Larceny	5 y'rs.	May 2, 1852	Kentucky	April 16, 1857.
2	CLAIBORN THOMAS	Carroll "	same	5	October 21, 1852.	Tennessee	October 9, do
3	WILLIAM WYNN	Izard "	same	6	same	North Carolina	October 15, do
4	SAM'L G. POWELL	Bradley "	Murder	2	Nov. 28, 1855	South Carolina	Nov. 16, do
5	FRANK FENNERTY	Washington county	Ass'lt, intent to kill	6½	May 31, 1851	Ireland	Nov. 23, do
6	SAM'L JONES	Crawford "	Forgery	5	February 25, 1853	Tennessee	February 19, 1858.
7	A. STEVENS	Drew "	Obt. note on false pret.	1	April 2, 1857	Georgia	April 1, do
8	CHAS. FITSHERBERT	Desha "	Larceny	1	April 28, 1857	Canada	April 17, do
9	WM. STEWART	Pope "	same	2	Sept. 22, 1856	Tennessee	Sept. 20, do
10	SAMUEL CROOKS	Independence "	same	5	October 3, 1853	Kentucky	October 1, do

TABLE E—No. 1.

LIST *of prisoners discharged by expiration of sentence.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	When discharged.
1	J. WHITNEY	Saline county	Larceny	2 y'rs.	October 23, 1854.	New York	October 17, 1856.
2	JNO. KEITH	Fulton "	Kidnapping	3	Nov. 21, 1853	Kentucky	Nov. 10, 1856.
3	WM. HALL	Jackson "	Larceny	1	January, 1, 1856.	New York	Dec. 19, 1856.
4	JAS. D. COOK	Crittenden "	do	1	June 2, "	Dist. of Columbia	June 1, 1857.
5	J. M. LANE	Pulaski "	do	5	" 19, 1852.	South Carolina	" 16, 1857.
6	W. H. HARRISON	Jefferson "	do	1	Nov. 20, 1856	Arkansas	Nov. 19, 1857.
7	SETH RUSSELL	Greene "	do	1	April 21, 1857	Virginia	April 20, 1858.
8	THOMAS COUCH	Saline "	do	1	" 29, "	England	" 21, "
9	SAMUEL KELLONS	Pope "	do	5	Sept. 26, 1853	Virginia	Sept. 22, "

TABLE E—No. 2.

LIST *of United States Prisoners discharged by expiration of sentence.*

No.	NAMES.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	When discharged.
1	WM. SMITH	W. U. S. District.	Larceny	1 year	Dec'r 15, 1855	Ireland	December 15, 1856.
2	PETER HUNT	do	do	1	same	New York	same
3	THOMAS BURKHEAD	do	do	1	same	Ohio	same
4	JOS. GRAVES	do	do	1	same	Cherokee Nation	same
5	JACK BELL	do	do	1	same	same	same
6	TYER FEATHER	do	do	1	January 5, 1856	same	January 5, 1857.
7	WES. GAIND	do	do	1	same	Tennessee	same
8	WILL. TEACHER	do	do	1	June 3, 1856	Cherokee Nation	June 3, 1857.
9	JOE BLACKBIRD	do	do	1	same	same	same
10	SNOW DARKNESS	do	do	1	same	same	same
11	THOS. McCLOSKEY	do	do	1	same	Ireland	same
12	J. W. McCARROL	do	do	1	same	Tennessee	same
13	LABAN CORNET	do	do	1	same	Missouri	same
14	KAH-LE-GERAH	do	do	1	Dec'r 13, 1856	Cherokee Nation	December 13, 1857
15	JOHN CREEK	do	do	1	same	Chickasaw "	same
16	JOHN HARLIN	do	do	1	June 3, 1857	Cherokee "	June 3, 1858.
17	ALBERT COX	do	do	1	same	Choctaw "	same
18	JOHN BLORGG	do	do	1	Dec'r 13, 1856	Arkansas	December 13, 1857.
19	FRANK ANDERSON	do	do	1	June 3, 1857	Massachusetts	June 3, 1858.
20	ELLIS BLY	do	do	1	same	Tennessee	same
21	JOHN WALKER	do	Selling liquor to Indians.	40 days.	Nov'r 29, 1857	same	January 9, 1858.
22	HIRAM BRIGHT	do	do do do	60	June 4, 1858	Georgia	August 3, 1858.

TABLE F.

LIST *of Prisoners escaped and recaptured, and discharged by expiration of sentence.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	When escaped.	When recaptured.	When discharged.
1	RICH. BLACKSTONE....	Independence co.	Ent. off a slave.	2 y'rs.	Sept. 19, 1856	Alabama..	July 19, 1858	August 24, 1858..	Sept. 18, 1858.
2	OLIVER COOPER.....	Pope county.....	Larceny	1	Oct. 1, 1857.	Arkansas .	same ...	same	Sept. 25, 1858.

TABLE G.

LIST *of Prisoners that have died.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	Date of death.	Diseases died with.
1	THOS. TURNOVER, Indian.	W. U. S. Dist..	Ass'lt, int. to kill.	2 y'rs.	June 3, 1856.	Cherokee N...	Oct. 19, 1856.	Inflamation of lungs.
2	NAT. SPRAGGINS.....	Hempstead co..	Enticing off slave.	2	June 21, do	South Carolina.	Oct. 23, do	Diarrhœa and flux.
3	JAS. SEAMANS.....	Scott county...	Burglary &larceny	4	Dec. 5, 1854	Alabama	Nov. 8, do	Typhoid fever.
4	WILLIAM ROSE.....	Sebastian co...	Larceny	5	Aug. 28, do	Georgia.....	March 20, '57	Apoplectic fit.
5	CHAS. BROWN	Hempstead co.	same	3	Dec. 24, 1855	Virginia	June 29, do	Flux and scurvy.
6	JOE, runaway slave.....	Sebastian co...	.....	.....	Sept. 6, 1856	.....	Oct. 28, 1856	Inflam. of bowels & dropsy.

TABLE H.

LIST *of Prisoners escaped, and not recaptured.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	Date of escape.	Expiration of sentence.
1	A. W. BRITTON.....	Arkansas co...	Larceny	2 y'rs.	May 1, 1855...	Pennsylvania	October 31, 1856...	April 25, 1857.
2	JNO. SHRIMPSHER.....	Washington co.	do	1¼...	Nov. 13, do...	Tennessee	same	February 12, 1857.
3	REBECCA WILKINS.....	Newton county.	Murder	5	April 14, 1854.	same	February 13, 1857..	April 13, 1859.
4	HENRY —slave.....	Desha "	Runaway ...	.....	March 31, 1854	.....	July 11, do ..	

TABLE I.

LIST *of Prisoners remanded back for new trial by order of Supreme Court.*

No.	NAMES OF PRISONERS.	From whence received.	Crimes.	Sentence.	When received.	Place of nativity.	When taken out.
1	LOUIS MEYERS	Pulaski county	Murder	21 years	July 2, 1856	France	August 16, 1857.
2	E. D. GREEN	Jefferson "	Murder	15 years	May 13, 1857	Kentucky	September 4, "

TABLE J.

LIST *of runaway slaves taken out by owners.*

No.	NAMES.	From whence received.	When received.	When taken out.
1	JOE	Independence county	September 6, 1856	November 10, 1856.
2	BEN	Desha "	March 21, 1857	July 11, 1857.
3	MIKE	Pulaski "	May 11, "	same
4	HENRY	Pulaski "	May 11, "	same

TABLE K.

RUNAWAY SLAVES *remaining in Prison on October 1st*, 1858.

WILLIAM—Supposed to be 30 or 35 years old, says he belongs to John Welton, near Rodney on Mississippi river, received from Saline county, on April 17, 1856.

HENRY—Supposed to be 38 or 39 years old, says he belongs to James Keefer, on Saline Bayou, near Alexandria, on Red river, received from Chicot county, on November 14, 1856.

REPORT

OF THE

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
October 8, 1858.

MESSRS. GEORGE & ROBINS:

Gentlemen—In presenting another biennial report of the condition of the health of the inmates of the Arkansas State Prison, I have the pleasure of saying, that since my last report, the convicts under your charge have enjoyed an entire immunity from all epidemics, and have suffered from few injuries or casualties of a serious nature.

Five deaths have occurred from chronic diseases, and one from apoplexy; but since the completion of the hospital, 29th of June, 1857, no death has occurred in the establishment.

The hospital, which has been completed within the past two years, has admirably answered the purposes for which it was intended. The present improved condition of the health of the convicts, is in a great measure attributable to this improvement, by affording increased facilities of ventillation, cleanliness and nursing, and the comfort of sick, and the sanitary purposes of the building will still be greatly improved by removing the cook-house entirely from the hospital building, or by extending the whole building about thirty feet, so as to remove the sick entirely from the heat and effluvia of the cooking stoves.

The many changes and alterations in the prison, since my last report, have added much to the convenience of the officers,

and a decided improvement in the general condition, appearance, and behavior of the convicts. There are a number of prisoners now in the penitentiary, who came there with viciated constitutions, and chronic diseases, contracted by former bad habits, and long confinement in the jails of the counties, who are now in robust health and capable of performing useful labor.

I am pleased to say that during the six years that I have been the attending physician of the institution, I have never had to complain of the want of facilities, and have always received the willing co-operation of the contractors and officers. The sick have been treated with kindness and care, and whatever I have suggested for their comfort or recovery, has been abundantly and willingly supplied, and the sick have uniformly manifested a cheerful obedience to the rules and requirements of the institution.

Very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
C. PEYTON, *M. D.*